MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 317.

(*b*) E. S. L. C.

(*c*) 14th, 16th and 19th Medom 1120. Total number recruited 63.

(*d*) Recruitment of staff in the department is not guided by communal considerations.

MR. D. THOMAS : Sir, with reference to part (*b*), the answer is given as E. S. L. C. May I know whether a pass is insisted on ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes, it is insisted on in respect of all candidates, other than those of backward communities.

Constructing waiting shed and garage at Tiruvalla.

198. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the extreme inconvenience and hardship experienced by the travelling public owing to lack of waiting room and garage at the Tiruvalla Transport bus stand ;

(*b*) when the waiting shed and garage tumbled down ; and

(*c*) why no permanent structure has so far been put up ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1-2-1120.

(*c*) Negotiations for the acquisition of a suitable site are proceeding.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Sir, may I ask whether the Government realise that it is an year now since there is no garage and waiting shed in Tiruvalla.

MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes, Sir, we are aware of it and, as stated in this House a short time ago, the Transport Department is experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining a suitable site.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government assure that they will take the earliest opportunity for constructing these ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : I have no hesitation in assuring the honourable member that every possible effort is being made.

Timings of the Transport buses.

199. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state *re* the State Transport Department :

(*a*) the officer responsible at the Trivandrum Central Station motor stand to operate the buses on the various routes that start from there ;

(*b*) whether he is bound to put the buses allotted to each route as per schedule and timings fixed by the department or whether he has the discretion to change the number of buses fixed and the timings from day to day.

(*c*) whether the Director of State Transport has enquired whether such changes are effected and the reasons for it ;

(*d*) the number of buses allotted to run daily on Trivandrum Nedumangad route ;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai]

(*e*) the number of days in Kumbhom, Meenom and Medom 1120 on which the number allotted was put on this route;

(*f*) whether the department has realised the great difficulty and hardship caused to the public by the frequent and sudden changes effected in the timings and number of buses; and

(*g*) whether there is an enquiry office or at least any officer at this stand to give information to the public as to these changes effected without notices or of fresh timings fixed for the day if not, will the department open an enquiry office here?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) District Inspector.

(*b*) Yes, subject to the condition that he may make slight changes to meet an emergent situation.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 3.

(*e*) 16, 27, and 24 days respectively.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: With reference to answer to part (*b*) does it mean that he could cut short the number of buses every day?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. Imagine a breakdown on the Nedumangad Trivandrum route. Does the honourable member suggest that the District Inspector should not be empowered to utilise a bus from another route?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether the officer has any responsibility to cut short the buses that have been allotted, without notice?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, in cases of necessity.

Kodayar Project.

200 ***MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has submitted any report to the Government with regard to improvements, extensions or additions to the Kodayar Project and the irrigation systems under it; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Ag. Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Enlarging the capacity of the Pechipara Reservoir.

(2) Construction of a dam across Paralayar above the Puthen dam, popularly known as the Perunchani Reservoir Scheme.

(3) Scheme for tapping Hydro-Electric Power, utilising the drop occasioned during the passage of the channel from the reservoir to the plains.

(4) Improvements to the existing channel system.

(5) Constructing a weir at Thripparppu falls and aligning channels etc.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly